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Fishing Harbour
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to develop the fishing harbours in the urban areas of various States;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the total amount sanctioned for development of fishing harbour;

(c) whether the development of urban fishing harbour is essential for the comprehensive urban development;

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon;

(e) whether the Union Government has received a project from the State Government of Kerala for the development of Kollam fishing harbour and increase the Central Subsidy for the construction of fishing harbour in Kerala; and

(f) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE
(DR SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) & (b) : Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture under the 'Plan Scheme on Marine Fisheries, Infrastructure and Post Harvest Operations' provides financial assistance to the Coastal State Governments, Union Territories, Port Trusts and others Agencies for development of fishing harbours and fish landing centres at feasible locations and as per requirement, irrespective of urban and rural areas. The Department during the last three financial years has provided a sum of 160 crore to various State Governments, Union Territories and others for development of fishing harbours and fish landing centres.
(c) & (d): Construction of required fishing harbours in urban areas also contribute to comprehensive urban development. The scheme has therefore been allowed to continue during the financial year 2015-16 for development of fishing harbours and fish landing centres.
(e) and (f) : The Government of Kerala has submitted a proposal for 3rd stage expansion of the existing fishing harbour at Thankassery, which is located in Kollam Corporation area, Kollam District at an estimated cost of 49 crore and had sought 75% central assistance. The Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'Development of Marine Fisheries, Infrastructure and Post Harvest Operations' has been allowed to continue as a Central Sector Scheme during the Financial Year 2015-16 with central financial assistance restricted to 40% of the capital cost for infrastructure projects in general areas and 55% in hilly and Scheduled areas. The Government of Kerala has therefore been requested to confirm their willingness to contribute the remaining 60% of the project cost.
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